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CURRENT ISSUES IN IMMUNIZATION NETCONFERENCE

Register now for a netconference on July 25 on influenza vaccine recommendations! This netconference is designed to provide clinicians with the most up-to-date information presented by the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases.

ALANA'S FLU FOUNDATION SUMMER EVENT

Alan's Foundation is hosting a benefit on August 15 in Royal Oak called Cruisin' Summer Concert Bash. There will be musical artists and a book signing. For more information including where to buy tickets, see their <u>flyer</u>.

H3N2 VARIANT VIRUS (H3N2v)

- CDC Health Advisory: <u>Variant influenza virus (H3N2v)</u> infections
- CIDRAP: Indiana reports 8 more H3N2v infections
- <u>Indiana State Department of Health press release (July 3)</u>



H5N1 AVIAN INFLUENZA JOURNAL AND NEWS ARTICLES

- CIDRAP: <u>Cambodian man survived H5N1 coinfection</u>
- Cambodia reports 14th human case of bird flu this year

INFLUENZA-RELATED NEWS ARTICLES

- New discovery made in fight against influenza virus
- Flu may explain seasonal birth differences
- <u>University researchers identify three factors that</u> influence pandemic influenza
- CDC flu kit achieves FDA clearance

FLU WEBSITES

www.michigan.gov/flu www.cdc.gov/flu www.flu.gov http://vaccine.healthmap.org/

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AVIAN INFLUENZA A (H7N9)

One new lab-confirmed case of human infection with avian influenza A (H7N9) was retrospectively detected and reported last week by the World Health Organization. The case is a 15-year-old boy with illness onset in late April. He was also coinfected with seasonal H3N2 virus. There have been 133 lab-confirmed cases reported to date, including 43 deaths. There is no evidence of sustained human-to-human transmission.

Related Articles:

- Nature: <u>Biological features of novel avian influenza A</u> (H7N9) virus
- mBio: Pathogenicity of the Novel A/H7N9 Influenza Virus in Mice
- New England Journal of Medicine: Influenza A (H7N9) and the Importance of Digital Epidemiology
- *mBio*: <u>H7N9 and the Perpetual Challenge of Potential</u> Human Pandemicity
- CIDRAP: Companies report progress on H7N9 vaccines
- NIH scientists assess history, pandemic potential of H7 flu viruses

The following updates on H7N9 are available:

- <u>U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</u> (CDC)
 Selected H7N9 Publications and Resources
- World Health Organization (WHO)
- Chinese Center for Disease Control & Prevention
- Center for Infectious Disease Research & Policy

INFLUENZA-RELATED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- A Journal of Virology study evaluated the efficacy of commercial inactivated swine influenza A virus vaccines and experimental live-attenuated influenza virus vaccines against infection with <u>H3N2 virus in pigs</u> and subsequent indirect transmission to other pigs.
- A case-control study was published in Vaccine looking at inactivated trivalent influenza vaccination and subsequent gastrointestinal illness in young children. Findings indicate associations observed in previous studies may actually be due to factors related to the medical visit itself rather than to the vaccination.
- A study published in *Cell* used mouse models to describe how <u>inflammation</u> during the early immune response to influenza infection can contribute to death. Reducing the number of neutrophils in the mice's lungs increased their survival after infection with a virulent strain, suggesting potential strategies for new flu treatment.